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WORK ON THE MANIGUA ORANGE GROVES.

ABOUT 300 ACRES ARE NOW CLEARED.

Treasurer Fernald Reports Great Progress in August.

August was a month of great activity at McKinley. Not only did it witness the arrival of a number of new settlers and the building of some new houses, but it will be remembered as the month in which the first deeds were issued to those who had paid in full for their bonds. Mrs. J. H. Bostwick enjoys the distinction of being the first person to receive a deed in addition to that of being the first lady resident of the colony.

Besides these details, which it devolved upon the treasurer to look after, the clearing of the orange groves tract was vigorously pushed, so that Mr. Fernald is now able to report that the clearing equals, if it does not exceed, 300 acres.

Only 200 acres more to clear and then this tedious part of the work will be over! Once done, it is done forever, and then the more interesting work of planting the 25,000 budded orange and grapefruit trees now ordered, will begin. Thus more than one-half of the entire acreage will be planted during the coming winter.

The New Grove House.

In a recent letter from McKinley, Treasurer Fernald writes as follows regarding the new Grove House which has just been built:

"The new building for the company's headquarters and hotel for visitors and new settlers is now up and the interior work is going on. It stands on a knoll a little northwest of the center of the orange grove, and is so placed that our constant northeast breeze strikes both the front or eastern side and the north end. Its size is 30 by 70 feet, and a piazza 10 feet wide will run around three sides. It is two stories high, with a low-pitched hipped-roof having a dormer window in each side. The second story will have a balcony 10 feet wide across each end. On the first floor a dining-room, 20x30 feet, will extend across the north end; next to the dining-room, occupying the central part of the front side, will be the entrance hall and stairway, behind which will be the president's office and two rooms for assistants. The company's general store, which will soon contain a post-office, will occupy the rest of the east side of the south end. On the second floor there will be thirteen sleeping rooms, each 10x12 feet, opening from a central corridor running the whole length of the building. The kitchen, bake-house and laundry will be in a separate building adjoining one corner of the dining-room, and the barn will be at a convenient distance on the western slope of the knoll.

"The old Pinero homestead that has been our headquarters during our first seven months at McKinley, will be given over to some of our native workmen. When our visitors come again next winter, we will give them more comforts and more entertainment in the Grove House, and they can look out over the long rows of thrifty young orange trees, which after a few seasons will be bearing a golden harvest."

When last heard from Mr. Fernald was busy moving into the company's new headquarters.

Road-Making Begun.

In addition to the work which has been done on the orange grove tract, the company began the construction of roads through the tract on Aug. 21st. For the benefit of those who have never visited McKinley we would say here that the necessity for roads is not a pressing one, as our teams can be driven right through the woods in most places, so open are they and free from undergrowth. As mentioned elsewhere in this issue of the Herald, bicycles can be used in getting about, and several of our settlers have bicycles.

As roads are a part of the company's scheme of development, however, it was decided by Treasurer Fernald to begin the work by cutting a road from the new headquarters to

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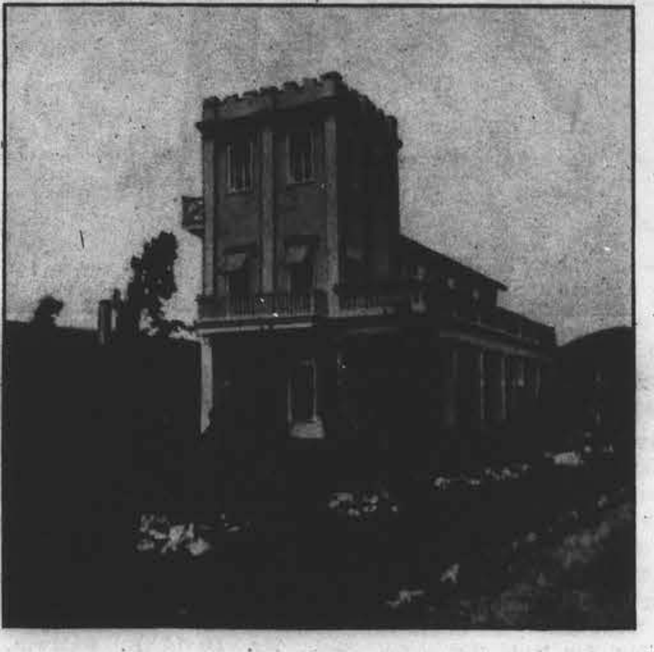

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AN AMERICAN RESIDENCE IN THE ISLE OF PINES, BUILT OF CEMENT. THIS BUILDING MATERIAL BIDS FAIR TO BECOME VERY POPULAR.

FREE DEEDS ISSUED.

McKINLEY INVESTORS GET THEIR TITLES.

The Tropical Development Company having completed the survey of its plantation acreage, is now issuing FREE DEEDS to those who have paid in full for their PROFIT-SHARING GOLD BONDS—one bond carrying with it a bonus of one acre of land or two residence lots in the town of McKinley or one business lot, as explained in our prospectus.

The following is a copy of a letter from Mrs. J. H. Bostwick acknowledging the receipt of deeds to the two ten-acre tracts which Mr. Bostwick has bought for her, together with 20 of the GOLD BONDS:

McKinley, Isle of Pines, Aug. 10, 1905.

Tropical Development Co., Buffalo, N. Y.:

Gentlemen—I take pleasure in informing you that I have today received the deed to my tracts of land at McKinley, Nos. 421 and 431.

Yours truly,

(Signed) Mrs. J. H. Bostwick.

We have received word from McKinley that deeds have been executed for the following bond-holders in addition to Mrs. Bostwick, viz.:

Mr. A. T. Baxter, 1038 Bergen street, Brooklyn, N. Y.; tract 101, 10 acres.

James W. McLane, Millgrove, Erie Co., N. Y.; eastern 3 acres of tract 107.

George J. Wheeler, 100 Bird avenue, Buffalo, N. Y.; tracts 300, 301 and 302, 21 6-10's acres.

In addition to the foregoing, deeds are being executed for all others who have paid in full for their bonds. All expenses incident to executing deeds for bondholders are paid by the company.

A NEW STEAMSHIP TO BE BUILT AT ONCE.

GOOD NEWS ABOUT IMPROVED SERVICE.

Splendid Shipping Facilities of the Nuevas River.

Good news has recently been received regarding the new steamer which is to be put in service between Batabano, Cuba, and the Isle of Pines.

According to the latest reports from the Island, the people who are interested in this matter, after looking in vain for a boat that would meet the requirements, have decided to build a new boat, to be constructed on lines which experience has taught will give the best service.

The plans which have been drawn call for a boat 125 feet long, drawing from 5 to 6 feet of water and driven by twin-screws, with a guaranteed speed of 15 miles an hour. Engines and boilers are to be of 600-horse power of the latest improved type of marine construction. The upper works of the boat are to be attractive in design, the whole appearance of the new craft being yacht-like and modern. Her interior arrangements include a comfortable dining-room on the upper deck aft, fitted with revolving chairs upholstered in leather. Opening off this main saloon is a ladies' parlor, containing sofas, etc. The tonnage or freight-carrying capacity of the steamer will be ample, though the shipping facilities she affords will be further supplemented by the James J. Campbell, which will be thoroughly overhauled and used chiefly for freight.

Bids have been advertised for in this country and the award has probably been made by this time.

As the distance by the regular route from Cuba to the Isle of Pines is about 60 miles, the new boat will be able to make this trip in about 4 hours.

All possible expedition will be used in completing the new boat, but owing to the fact that she has to be built, it is hardly probable that she will be ready for service before the 1st of January. That date, however, will be time enough to relieve the congested condition of traffic, as that is the period when the tide of winter travel is approaching its height.

The inauguration of this steamship service will mark a new era in the prosperity of the Isle of Pines and augurs well for the future of the McKinley Colony, which, by reason of its location, will be one of the principal points to be benefited by this improvement.

The Nuevas River.

In connection with the proposed new steamship service we are glad to be able to publish a description of the Nuevas River, sent up by Mr. Fernald, in which the important facts regarding the depth of the river, its width, etc., are given at first hand. It will be seen that our previously published statements regarding these matters are fully confirmed and that the condition of the river is even better than we had reason to believe.

Mr. Fernald writes as follows, under date of July 23d: "Today we loaded the rowboat bought last week into a farm wagon and drove five miles to the other end of the tract and launched it. Mr. Hayes, Mr. Roberts and I then

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SUGGESTIONS FOR INTENDING SETTLERS.

As announced in last month's HERALD, the tide of travel has opened early and bids fair to increase as the season advances. There was a steady growth in the number of travelers leaving for McKinley last month, and if anything the list will be larger this month.

Indeed, it isn't a question of getting people to go down to settle at McKinley so much as it is a matter of importance to secure those who are best qualified to colonize and best equipped to help in the upbuilding of the island. There seems to be a great temptation on the part of some who invest to hasten their departure for the Colony before they are really prepared to go. Such a course is unwise, inexpedient, and will result in disappointment nine times out of ten to the would-be colonist, while it works a positive drawback to the Company. A person in moderate circumstances—say with only a hundred dollars or so ahead, inexperienced in agricultural work, will rarely make a desirable colonist. It is true that one can live cheaply at McKinley—at a cost of not more than $3.00 or $4.00 a week, so many of the settlers tell us, and it is also true that the big items of coal, rent and expensive clothing do not have to be reckoned with; nevertheless, there are other expenses to be met with cash in hand in the way of getting settled on one's tract and developing it. All these conditions must be considered, and those who have good paying positions here should not hasten to give them up for the purpose of settling on their property at McKinley *unless* they have capital enough to draw on during the period of some months that must intervene between the time of their arrival and the date of their first shipment of vegetables, pineapples or other products.

Many of our bondholders who are going down this fall, appreciating the importance of going slow and sure, will put in the winter clearing their land. When the first rains of spring have softened the earth sufficiently they will have their tracts thoroughly plowed so that the soil will sweeten during the summer. They will then come back to the States to go to work at their trade or business and when fall comes will return again to McKinley to get in a crop of winter vegetables. During their absence they will have the Company or some private contractor cross-plow their land and perhaps harrow and level it, so that it will be thoroughly turned over by the time they want to plant it. If they have had time to fence it, so much the better. This is an excellent plan for an intending colonist to pursue.

On the other hand, there are many who will find it impossible to leave their employment here in the North in order to put in a winter's work on their property at McKinley. These people would best either have their pioneer work done by contract or else wait until they have gotten far enough along financially to be sure of making a success of their venture when they finally remove to McKinley to live. People in this position need not feel discouraged, nor need they feel that they are making slow progress in this undertaking, for it is far better for them to continue their employment in the States while completing the purchase of their bonds than it would be to remove to the Isle of Pines before being financially prepared to do so. The plan of the Tropical Development Company should prove especially attractive to this class of investors, as the work the Company is doing on the Manigua Orange and Grapefruit Groves is being conducted in the interest of all bondholders and will not only prove a source of revenue as soon as the orange trees are in bearing, but will also increase the value of every adjacent acre. Therefore, the non-resident investor has the assurance of deriving an early income from his bonds together with the knowledge that his land is increasing in value while he continues to earn sufficient money to complete the payments on the bonds he is purchasing.

To sum up, therefore, we would offer this advice to our bond-holders:

First—Don't remove to McKinley with the intention of remaining there permanently until you are prepared to finance yourself long enough to insure your success, and

Second—Don't be discouraged because you can't take up your residence at McKinley immediately, but keep up your payments and prepare yourself financially with a view toward your ultimate removal to the Colony.

Photo by R. W. Dunning

REV. GEO. WEST AND DAUGHTER, MISS GRACE, ON REV. WEST'S TRACT NO. 122, WITH MR. W. J. ROWLAND OF BUFFALO ON LEFT.

How to Select Town Lots.

As explained in our prospectus, our town lots are divided into business lots and residence lots. With a purchase of one bond either one business lot or two residence lots are given. The business lots are separated from the residence lots by a line indicated on all of our town-site maps and running along Second street, Everett avenue, Clay avenue, Eighth street, Ninth street, Irving avenue and King avenue.

Only one lot inside of this line is given with each bond. Outside of this line two lots are given with each bond.

The Saw Mill Shipped.

The new saw mill which is to be installed at McKinley for the purpose of cutting yellow pine timber to supply the needs of colonists and settlers, is now on the way to the Isle of Pines after numerous vexatious delays.

Mr. David R. Baldwin, who, together with Messrs. Hayes, Fernald and Hanrahan owns the mill, left Buffalo about the middle of August, after having seen the boiler, engine and other equipment loaded safely on a freight car and billed to Mobile, Ala. It is hoped that the mill will reach Mobile in time to catch the schooner which sails for the Isle of Pines early this month, in which event the mill should be up and in operation at McKinley early in October at most. The cheerful whistle of the saw mill and the hum of the saws will be welcome sounds and will undoubtedly result in a building boom greater than that that has already set in. There has been no delay lately in securing lumber from the other mills on the island, but when the mill is in operation at McKinley it will not be necessary to haul the material so far as at present.

Later—We have just received word from the Peary Line that the saw-mill had reached Mobile and would leave on a steamer for the Isle of Pines on Sept. 9th.

Bananas, Cocoanuts, Limes and Pineapples.

NEW YORK, July 29.—Bananas have been fairly active this week, considering the season of the year. Prices remain unchanged, quotations at Pier No. 1 being as follows:

Jamaica firsts, $1.30; 8s, 80@85c; 7s, 55@60c. Limon X and firsts, $1.30@1.35; 8s, 70@75c. Santa Martha X, $1.20@1.25; 9s, $1.00@1.05; 8s, 70@75c. Cuban 9s, $1.15@1.20; 8s, 75@80c; 7s, 60@55c.

Note.—Bananas are sold by the bunch, the price depending upon the number of "hands," or little bunches, which go to make up a large bunch such as we see hanging in front of a fruit store. In the above quotations the terms "9s," "8s," "7s," etc., mean "9-hand bunches," or "8-hand bunches," or "7-hand bunches," as the case may be.

Cocoanuts are unchanged, prices this week being as follows: San Andreas, $24@25; Baracoa, $20@21; San Blas, $25@27; Jamaica, $20@22; Trinidad, $21@23; Cartagena, $22@24; Porto Rico, $20@22.

Cocoanuts are sold by the thousand.

The lime market is in fairly good condition, original barrels of Dominicas being worth $7.00, and repacked $8.00@8.50.

Thou Breath of the Wave.

Thou breath of the salt, salt wave,
Dost love the land
Where the restless deep,
Never quiet in sleep,
Moans low o'er the pebbly sand?

A shore—that the sea-tides lave,
Where a tropic sky
Ever smiles on the flowers
In their sunny bowers,
Nor leaves them chilled to die.

Dost breathe of a passion true
To the southern rose?
For a drifting note,
As from Love's own throat,
Lingers where the laurel grows.

Dost come from the ocean blue,
Thou breath of wave,
On the winged breeze
As a sigh through the trees,
Of love, where the sea-tides lave?

—*Carolyn B. Lyman, Batavia, N. Y.*

$500 per Acre in Growing Vegetables for New York Markets.

"The pineapple industry is rapidly increasing and the department is making great efforts to get the best varieties. The exports of pines last year were in the neighborhood of $750,000, and 99 per cent. of these went to the United States. The two chief Cuban pines are the Pina de la Tierra and the Havana white pine. The latter is the larger and sweeter, but it does not keep well. There are other pines which are smaller and less juicy, but more hardy and better for export. The white pineapples are consumed in Cuba. They sell for from 40 cents to $1.17 a dozen.

"Prof. Earle tells me that Cuba will largely supply our winter market with vegetables. He has been experimenting with lettuces and finds that they grow well. The choicest varieties thrive and are more tender and juicy than our lettuces. In walking through the garden I saw lettuce heads as big as small cabbages, and Mr. Earle said he had raised one this year which weighed more than three pounds. Lettuces can easily be shipped abroad, and there is no reason why they should not go from here to our chief cities.

"It is the same with celery. This plant is supposed to thrive only in a temperate climate, but it grows luxuriantly in the station gardens. The stalks are large and tender and they can be bleached easily at home.

"The experiments with tomatoes have resulted in excellent yields, and a number of Americans have begun to raise tomatoes for export. They grow well and the profits are great. Indeed, all stories told are so rosy that I hesitate to repeat them. It is said that tomatoes, cabbages, egg plants, potatoes and cucumbers if properly handled, will yield anywhere from $50 to $500 per acre, according to soil and shipping facilities, and oranges, pineapples and lemons much more."—*Frank G. Carpenter, in Buffalo Express.*

Wireless Telegraph Service.

Among the recent items of welcome news received from the Isle of Pines is that which states that work has commenced upon the wireless telegraph station which is to open up communication between the Isle of Pines and the outside world via Cuba and the Western Union Telegraph Company's sub-marine cable service to Havana.

The installation of an up-to-date wireless plant in the Isle of Pines marks another step in the remarkable season of prosperity which is now opening. It will be a great boon to all who are interested in the Isle of Pines to be thus in touch with the news of the day and in a position to receive cablegrams from home the same day they are sent.

The opening of the telegraph service will be duly announced in these columns as soon as effected.

Correspondence from McKinley.

Mr. Frank A. Prenatt, who was formerly connected with the H. O. Co. of Buffalo, left for McKinley, Isle of Pines, on June 29th, accompanied by his wife and two lovely little children, a girl and a boy, each under nine years of age. Mr. Preuatt, Sr., his wife and Miss Kate Zook were in the party. As chronicled in the HERALD for August, the Prenatts arrived safe and sound in McKinley and took up their abode in a house owned by Mr. J. A. McNeill. We have been delighted to hear from others how well they are pleased, and the following letter which Mr. William Hill received from Mr. Prenatt confirms the good reports we have had. We publish the letter in full, allowing Mr. Prenatt to speak for himself:

McKINLEY, ISLE OF PINES,
July 16, 1905.

FRIEND BILL:

I am sitting at the table in the Guest House writing to tell you that after an uneventful, but beautiful trip, we landed safely at McKinley, on Thursday, a. m. I have looked over all our tracts, and without any jolly I can tell you that we have the finest pieces of land on the McKinley tract. Your tract has quite a few royal palms and they are fine. All the land is easily cleared and plowed. We are going to move in a house tomorrow and get settled at once and start clearing and get ready to plant. The weather is fine, 90 in the shade, but even I can stand it and not feel as warm as I did in Buffalo when I left. All the boys here are hustlers and good fellows every one. Of course, Bill, we cannot get all the comforts of a $30 flat, but for one continual seashore picnic and campout, give me the Isle of Pines. Even our women folks are contented to stay here. For $100 you can build a fine little house and you would be surprised at the comfortable and pretty little homes that are down here. Tell "Pop" that the northern part of 285 is easily cleared and is a fine tract, and that a few weeks here would work wonders with his system. Now, if you will let me give you a little piece of advice if any of you intend coming down this fall, give the office orders to clear and plow at least two acres of your land, so it will sweeten the soil and make it ready to plant. Land should be plowed at least 30 days before planting. About 200 acres of the grove is cleared and the orange trees that have been set out are doing nicely. As I went through the woods today I picked some orchids from a palm, which I enclose. Now, Bill, give regards to all the bunch, and hope to see some of you soon. It will pay you to take a trip down here and look over your land. It is fine. Will you give me permisson to clear and plow about one acre of your land? If so, let me know at once. All of the land belonging to the bunch is extra fine, and my advice is to hang on to it, as it is certainly a winner. I expect to clear from $300 to $600 in the spring market. Now, don't think I am spreading it a little, because I am not. The natives are a nice, agreeable people and seem to be both surprised and pleased at the vast improvements that this hustling, energetic American crowd are making. Mr. Fernald is here, and if you could see him in a big straw hat going around here, you would think he did not want to go back to Buffalo again. As for yours truly, you could not chase me off the Isle of Pines with a club. Now, Bill, I am getting sleepy and will say good night to all, and will expect to hear from you right away. Please send me a Buffalo paper if you can, and tell Freddie he is next. Give regards to J. B., and think over the plan and come down. You can live here and save money easily.

Yours,
FRANK A. PRENATT.

Rev. Geo. West, whose departure for McKinley was announced in a recent issue of the McKINLEY HERALD, has arrived there safe and sound, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Grace. We are pleased to publish the following interesting letter from Mr. West, giving his impressions of the colony, which we are gratified to note are most favorable:

McKINLEY, ISLE OF PINES,
Aug. 13, 1905.

The Tropical Development Co., Buffalo, N. Y.:

GENTLEMEN—We reached this place ten days ago and found everything far beyond expectations. You will not be surprised when I tell you that my tract No. 122 is the best, but you will be, when I tell you that all say the same thing. The land has nearly all been cultivated by the natives in years gone by, so that two Cubans in one day (at a cost of $2.00) made it ready for ploughing. In four days my house was nearly ready for occupancy, and we would have moved in had my barrel of china, bed and table linen from New York, and my box of household goods from Mobile arrived. We take possession tomorrow—ten days from landing. I think we have broken the record thus far. The tract is situated on the Las Nuevas River, and bounded on the east by the town site. The banks are twenty feet high and the river ten feet deep and 30 ft. wide. There are fifteen royal palms in sight. The soil is well adapted for garden produce, and in a month shall plant for New York winter market, putting in three acres of orange trees as soon as possible. The house is 20x12 feet and will have a veranda on three sides, also out-of-doors dining rooms and kitchen. It is built of rough native pine, and will have a matched floor later. The views and vistas of the river are beautiful. Mr. Fernald has been very kind to me and my daughter Grace, supplying us with lumber just as we needed it, much to his inconvenience at times, for he is a very busy man with so numerous a family. Though it is the rainy season, it is not at all superabundant. It rains nearly every day for twenty minutes—but we work on in the rain and heat and enjoy it. The mercury only ranges from 74 degrees to 94 degrees, and then the trade winds so moderate the heat that our men from the states work on without inconvenience. It is cooler than New York. I have felt very few mosquitoes, been annoyed with jejenes, which do not poison, and with rory-dorys (which I spell in English though they bite in Spanish). We have several native palm-thatched picturesque cottages, many wild pigs and I have seen one naked baby. The progress of the work is wonderful and the tract is being rapidly developed, houses built and groves planted by all of us. I am very busy, too busy to write more.

Yours truly,
GEO. W. WEST.

Photo by R. W. Dunning

THE COMPANY HEADQUARTERS DURING ITS CONSTRUCTION. IT IS NOW BEING FINISHED AND WIDE PORCHES ADDED.

Pineapples Bring Good Prices.

NEW YORK, Aug. 5.—Certain varieties of pines are selling high for this season of the year. McCormick, Hubbs & Co. say $3.50 to $4.50 per box is not an unusual price for the smooth Cayenne. —*New York Packer.*

Departures for McKinley.

Mr. Theodore Hoepfinger left the first of this month for McKinley accompanied by his wife and child. Mr. Hoepfinger will develop Mr. John Stabel's property as mentioned in last month's HERALD.

The many friends of Mr. Adam Gaiser who passed a portion of last winter clearing his tract, No. 369, will be glad to see him back again to complete his development work. He is interested as ever in the colony.

Mr. Andrew Sibley's frends will sympathize with him in the recent sad bereavement he met with, namely, the death of his mother. She was taken ill two days after Mr. Sibley's return from his winter's work at McKinley. Mr. Sibley will go down to the Isle of Pines to settle permanently one of these days and, meantime, he expects to complete the purchase of No. 356 and have it improved.

Word comes from Kansas City that Mr. W. R. Ruck de Schel will soon arrange to take up his permanent residence on his half of No. 370, and that he looks forward to making McKinley his home ere long.

Mr. W. J. Cleland, recently of the Province of Ontario, who owns tract No. 78, left for the McKinley colony last mouth to make it his home. Mr. Cleland was formerly in the U. S. Army as a horse-shoer, and was with the cavalry column which rescued the remnant of Custer's command after the massacre of that gallant officer and his troops by Redskins on the Little Big Horn.

Mr. George J. Wheeler will visit McKinley after the holidays for the purpose of clearing tracts 300, 315, 301 and 316, of which he is the owner. Mr. Wheeler is a thoroughly practical man and will put in a valuable winter's work on his land. He expects to build.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Werner left for McKinley last month. Mr. Werner is a brother of our popular superintendent, Mr. George Werner, and will take up his residence on tracts 409 and 410, which he will improve at once. Mr. Werner is a practical builder and will put up a comfortable house. His brother, George, has already engaged workmen to clear land for his brother and himself.

Mr. William A. Bush will leave for McKinley Oct. 1st, accompanied by his wife and daughter and two sons. Mr. Bush is an energetic, practical man, and the family will be a very desirable acquisition to the colony. They will take up their residence on tract 184, where Mr. Bush will build at once and make other extensive improvements. Mr. Bush would like to hear from any other family who will sail from New York about Oct. 1st.

Mr. Eugene Vogt, owner of tract No. 323, leaves for McKinley in September. He will clear his tract and set out a citrus grove this winter. He visited the colony last winter.

Mr. James F. Kennedy will go down to McKinley in October and develop tract No. 309. He and Mr. Vogt will work together.

Among those who will leave early this month for McKinley, and who are destined to play a prominent part in the upbuilding of the colony, are the Messrs. Young of Buffalo. The party will consist of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Young and Mr. Charles F. Young, together with Mr. George Young's son, George. Another brother, Mr. Albert B. Young, who, accompanied by Mrs. Young, made a trip to McKinley last winter, will go down to visit them this winter. The Messrs. Young and several friends are located upon a number of choice tracts between the boulevard and the Nuevas River, south of the first cross road one-half mile below the town site. They will contribute greatly to improving this part of the McKinley tract, as they will proceed to clear and plant 34 acres in citrus trees as follows: Mr. Albert B. Young, 22 acres in oranges and grapefruit; Mr. G. F. Young and C. F. Young, 3 acres each in oranges and grapefruit; Messrs. Whitwell and Slocum, 3 acres each in oranges and grapefruit, and Miss Annie Nixon, 3 acres in the same.

Beside this work which they have let contracts for, the Messrs. G. F. and C. F. Young will clear ten acres each for themselves, planting the same in vegetables. They will also fence their own properties and the tracts of friends mentioned. They will take with them a complete outfit of agricultural implements, wagons, tools, etc., necessary in their work, and will make their home in an 18x30 tent until they can build their houses.

The Messrs. Young are experienced Florida fruit growers, and we prophesy that their tracts and those they develop for others under contract will be models. They will pay particular attention to pineapple culture in addition to the raising of citrus fruits and winter-grown vegetables.

Messrs. William R. Warner, owner of tract No. 138, and Jacob Laubacker, owner of tract No. 139, leave for McKinley about Sept. 15th, to spend the winter in clearing their tracts. These young men are hustlers, and as they are going well prepared will undoubtedly put in a successful winter's work.

Mr. B. A. Butler who has bought the southern four acres of tract No. 352, leaves for McKinley this month. Mr. Butler is a carpenter and builder and will put up a house for himself, beside clearing his land this winter.

Messrs. Robert Thompson, R. J. A. Thompson and W. H. Thompson of Toronto, left for McKinley on Sept. 7th. They are very practical men and expect to put in a busy winter.

Isle of Pines vs. Cuba.

Dr. A. J. Martin, who visited McKinley in August, has returned enthusiastic regarding the colony and its future. Dr. Martin first visited Havana and thence made a trip through the Island of Cuba over the line of the Cuba Railway as far as Nipe Bay. Speaking of that portion of Cuba, he says that the land has been bought up largely by syndicates of capitalists who will have to hold it for twenty years or more before it will amount to anything. He says that the clearing of land in the McKinley Colony is child's play compared to what the settler would have to do in Eastern Cuba, where his train passed through impenetrable walls of forests that grew close up to the right of way and seemed to be so thick and dense that a bird could scarcely fly through them. The natives when attempting to penetrate them cut their way with machetes or short knives. The open woodlands of the McKinley Colony, so free from undergrowth that one can drive a double team off through the woods for miles, afforded a striking contrast. Dr. Martin also says that the soil of McKinley, unlike the soil of Cuba, does not stick to one's feet nor cake upon agricultural implements nor does it work into huge lumps to interfere with cultivation.

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connect with the main road to the property. The route it takes is as follows:

Beginning at the northwest corner of the orange grove tract the road follows the line laid out on the map running north one-half mile, then east one-fourth mile, then north one-half mile and east to the Paso Real, on the Del Medio River, where a bridge will be built. The course of the road can be easily traced on one of our plantation maps by measuring. Eight tracts are equal to a mile.

Other roads will be built as fast as possible, though it must be remembered that the company's first duty is to complete the clearing and planting of the orange grove tract, which is the security for our PROFIT SHARING GOLD BONDS.

Surveying the Town-Site.

The work of surveying the plantation tract has been pretty well finished, and, in fact, all the field work is practically done, so that the surveying corps is now occupied with the work of surveying the town site. This work is being done by surveyors Binkley, Knight and Slaughter, assisted by a field force consisting of Messrs. Frank Prenatt, W. E. Poor and Chas. Thomas, together with two native axemen.

On Aug. 23d a baseline was measured, running through the center of the town-site in the boulevard. Mr. Theodore Knight reports, according in a letter just received from Treasurer Fernald, that there is a knoll northeast of the center where the hotel site will come. This will afford an excellent location for the new McKinley Inn.

Mr. Fernald writes that the chief surveyor reports that the survey will occupy about four weeks longer. It will, therefore, be finished by the first of October.

From far-off Utah Mr. Willis N. Holland writes us for information regarding the shipment of household goods to McKinley. He writes that he and his family will go down to the Isle of Pines in September to locate on tract No. 313. Mr. Holland will go in for pineapples and winter vegetables on a liberal scale. Some friends in Utah may accompany him.

McKinley is fortunate in numbering among the recent new arrivals Miss Kate Zook, who is an experienced teacher. Miss Zook for 17 years taught in Public School No. 33, on Elk street near Euclid Place. She gave up her position some time ago because she felt she needed to rest, but it is hoped she can be prevailed upon to resume teaching in the colony.

Photo by R. W. Dunning.

BUILDING REV. GEORGE WEST'S COTTAGE ON TRACT NO. 122.

Mr. C. C. White is having three acres of his tract, No. 312, cleared and will have them planted in vegetables, Mr. W. E. Poor has the contract and will also put in vegetables on two acres that he has cleared for Prof. Jas. G. Riggs in tract No. 399, and on his own tract adjoining.

Mr. W. J. Cleland, mention of whose departure for McKinley is made elsewhere in this issue of the HERALD, will open a blacksmith shop at once, where he will do first-class horseshoeing and other work in his line. As there is no horseshoer within 15 miles, Mr. Cleland will probably get a good deal of outside trade beside the work of the Company and the colony.

Mr. Frank Prenatt and his father have been busy on their tracts, and we hear that Mr. Prenatt, Jr., has a couple of acres almost ready for plowing.

Advance in Price of Bonds

We wish to impress upon our readers that the offer of the Tropical Development Company's profit-sharing Gold Bonds with bonus of fertile plantation acreage, or city lots, at the present price of $85 each is limited and will expire as soon as the few remaining bonds reserved for sale at $85 are disposed of.

We have no fixed date for advance in price. This depends upon the number of bonds sold; but it is *absolutely certain* that within *a very short time* the few remaining bonds for sale at $85 will be subscribed for. After they are sold the price of all bonds will be *advanced.*

In order to avoid disappointment, fill in the subscription form enclosed herewith and mail it to us today with your remittance.. If your subscription reaches us before the balance of our bonds offered at $85 are sold, your application will be accepted. If not, your money will be refunded unless you wish to buy at the increased price.

Why toil and freeze here when you can start on the road to success and perhaps FORTUNE by accepting our great offer *now!*

A NEW STEAMSHIP TO BE BUILT AT ONCE.

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rowed down to the sea. The water was rather choppy there, so Mr. Hayes landed to lighten the boat and Mr. Roberts and I went out about 1,000 feet from shore—across the bar. We are not sure that we found the channel that the schooners take. Where we crossed there is 4 feet of water. We took soundings all the way down the river, finding from 10 to 18 feet all the way, and right off the long point there is 27 feet. The width increases from 150 to 300 feet from the fork to the mouth, and there would be no difficulty in a steamer making any of the turns. Coming back we rowed up to the western line of Tract 1, then back to the landing on Tract 5."

LATEST NEWS.

We are just informed by President Hayes that a letter has been received in the Isle of Pines from one of the interested parties stating that the contract for the new boat had been let and that the craft was now being built.

Mr. Hayes says that the bar at the mouth of the Nuevas River can easily be removed with a sand-sucker so that the new boat can land at Port McKinley.

Mr. Dunning's Visit.

Mr. R. W. Dunning has returned from his visit to McKinley and confirms the excellent reports that are being received regarding the progress which the colony is making. Mr. Dunning says that McKinley is widely known throughout Cuba on account of the progressive spirit displayed there. He had the pleasure of attending the first religious service ever held in the colony, which was conducted by the Rev. George W. West, on Sunday, Aug. 6th, at about 2 p. m. The services were held in the old Blanco house, which has served as headquarters during the first few months of the colony's history. A table draped with a piano cover contributed by Mr. Frank Prenatt, served for the occasion in place of a pulpit. There were about 40 Americans present, who entered into the service with spirit and who followed Rev. West's address with profound attention. Rev. West's remarks were appropriate for the occasion. He reviewed the circumstances under which it had been possible for the little assembly to meet in the Isle of Pines and referred to the importance of the event in the history of the colony. Several hymns were sung, among them President McKinley's favorite hymn, and upon the conclusion of the service the hope was universally expressed that Rev. West would continue the work so that his services would become a feature of life in the colony.

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